

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL  
Division of Operations-Management

MEMORANDUM OM 98-18

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TO: All Regional Directors, Officers-in-Charge, and  
Resident Officers

FROM: Richard A. Siegel, Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: Requests for Expeditious Processing of Appeals

In the past, the Office of Appeals has been able to process appeals in a timely manner. However, due to staffing problems and substantially increased case intake, the office is currently unable to process appeals in the timely manner it would like. In order to assist the Office of Appeals identify appeals that must be expedited, Regions should submit Regional Office files in cases that require expedition with a comment requesting prompt handling and supporting reasons as soon as possible after receiving notice that an appeal has been filed in the case. For impact analysis purposes, cases with approaching trial dates, ongoing picketing or strikes accompanied by issues of picketline misconduct should be highlighted. In addition, expedited treatment will often be required for cases blocking hearings or elections and Category III compliance appeals where issues go to the core of the bargaining relationship or the protection of assets or distributions. This list is not meant to be exclusive, and Regions will continue to have discretion in requesting expeditious processing.

If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact me or your Assistant General Counsel or Deputy.

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